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William Peery (Texas), Editor of *Studies in the Renaissance*, vol. I
Frederick W. Sternfeld (Dartmouth), former editor of *Renaissance News*
Albert H. Buford, former Chairman of the Committee on Membership and Regional Conferences

The First Annual Meeting

OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The first annual meeting of the Advisory Council was held on January 29, 1955, in the Faculty Club of Columbia University, and not in the Casa Italiana [see RN VII, 154–156], the rooms granted to the Columbia University Seminar on the Renaissance to be shared with the Society not yet being ready for occupancy. The meeting was called to order by the President at 1:20. There were present the officers, President J. H. Randall, Jr., Secretary J. W. Bennett, Treasurer E. B. Knowles; the Chairmen of the standing committees, Curt Bühler, Finance Committee, Paul O. Kristeller, Committee on International Cooperation, Gustave Reese, Committee on Constitution and By-Laws; Matthias A. Shaaber, Committee on New Projects and Activities; Albert Buford, Chairman of the Committee on Membership and Regional Conferences, was absent.

All representatives of Conferences and Local Groups, and representatives of disciplines were present except Professor Jewel Wurtzbaugh of the University of Oklahoma; Dr. Louis B. Wright, Director of the Folger Shakespeare Library, who was represented by J. W. Bennett; Dr. William M. Milliken of the Cleveland Museum of Art, who was represented by Millard Meiss, Professor of Fine Arts in the Fogg Museum, Harvard University; Francis R. Johnson, of Stanford University; Allan H. Gilbert, of Duke University; Archer Taylor, of the University of California, represented by Dr. Hans Nachod of H. P. Kraus, Rare Books; Joseph G. Fucilla, of Northwestern University, represented by Prof. Edward Williamson of Columbia University; and William Peery, University of Texas, represented by G. B. Parks [For the complete list of officers see the preceding page].

One correction of the minutes of last year's organizational meeting was noted: p. 5 line 15 should read *Agnes* Mongan. The Secretary read Professor Buford's report, in which he paid tribute to the local and regional groups for the initial success of the Society in finding members. He announced the formation of a seventh regional conference, to be called the Central Renaissance Conference, which will hold its first meeting at the University of Missouri, May 12–14 [see RN VII, 153]. While the national organization has been able to assist

the local conferences by publishing its *Directory of Founder Members* (now supplemented by the *Directory of Charter Members*), and by publishing in *Studies in the Renaissance*, Vol. 1 (1954), some of the papers read at meetings of regional conferences, it has been the guiding principal of the Chairman to encourage local initiative. He felt that these conferences should be an expression of the interests and resources of the people immediately concerned. In the effort to secure membership in the Society, the first invitation was mailed in December, 1953, and January, 1954. The 784 who responded by paying dues before March 1, 1954, were counted Founder Members since their prompt and hearty response insured the foundation of the Society. About 25% of those to whom invitations were sent became Founders. A second invitation to membership was mailed in May-July. In October and November subscribers to *Renaissance News* (chiefly libraries) who had not yet become members of the Society, were invited to do so. A total of 8800 invitations were mailed and, at the time of writing of the report 1372 had become members. In addition, notices had been sent to more than 300 learned journals in the United States and abroad, many of whom gave them space and so brought in over 50 members.

The Secretary spoke of Professor Buford's heroic work as membership chairman, and expressed the regret of the Board that he had found it too time-consuming and had resigned as of January 1, 1955.

There was some discussion of this report. Professor G. Haydn Huntley reported that his group had decided about two years ago to change its name from Mid-Western Conference to the Newberry Library Conference of Renaissance Studies. He inquired whether that change would bring them within the definition of a 'local group', since they were organized around a library or local institution. The President and Professor Reese explained that it was the intention of the Constitution to distinguish between regional conferences which met only once or twice a year, and such local groups as the Columbia and Folger Seminars which met monthly or oftener and were more in the nature of study groups than of conventions. Both were interdisciplinary and intercollegiate, but the local group was a more limited and unrepresentative body, and so it had been thought appropriate to limit representation to one, whereas regional conferences were allowed two representatives to the Advisory Council.

Professor Hawk raised the problem of the relation of regional conferences to the membership of the Society. At its last meeting the New England Conference had been forced to limit attendance. The Conference had always been a discussion group, and had tried to keep attendance to about 35 as the ideal number for such a group. It was agreed that membership in the national Society did not entitle anyone to membership in any local conference. Professor Reese said that since the regional conferences were in existence before the Society was organized, obviously we could not dictate to them. Professor Bradner said that the New England Conference had no formal organization, only a mailing list which was passed along from one host institution to another. Professor Sternfeld said that some groups allowed guests to attend.

In the general discussion it developed that different Conferences had different policies. Professor Shaaber said that his Conference (Middle Atlantic States) invited all who were interested. Professors Ferguson and Meiss suggested reciprocity between the Society membership and the Regional Conferences. The Secretary pointed out that the problem was partly a physical one, since colleges located in small towns could not accommodate large meetings. President Randall said that the Society had no intention of imposing rules or policies on local and regional groups. Variety and experimentation seemed healthy and appropriate at present.

Next in the order of business, Dr. Bühler was called upon to present the report of the Finance Committee. The members of his committee had been chosen to represent all sections of the country: J. W. Bennett, Executive Board, The Very Rev. Vincent J. Flynn (St. Paul, Minn.), Mrs. John Gordan (New York), Prof. William A. Jackson (Cambridge, Mass.), Prof. E. B. Knowles (Executive Board), Dr. Elizabeth Mongan (Washington, D. C.), Mr. Edward A. Parsons (New Orleans, La.), President Lynn White, Jr. (Oakland, Calif.). From the nature of its composition, it will be apparent why no meetings have been held. The committee was called upon to seek financial help. It was hoped that $2,000 could be raised through gifts (1) to assist in developing the growth of the Society; (2) to help defray the costs of equipping an office and providing secretarial assistance; (3) to enable an enlarged publication program to be initiated. As an exploratory measure, the Chairman had written eighteen personal appeals

and had received six helpful replies, three emphatic 'noes', and from the rest only silence. The net result was $700 and two additional Patron Memberships. As soon as volume I of *Studies in the Renaissance* finally appears, a second attempt on a broader scale will be made.

The report was accepted without discussion. Next Professor Shaaber presented the report of his Committee on New Projects and Actitivities. This committee is charged with the investigation and evaluation of all projects and activities proposed to the Society for its approval, sponsorship, or assistance. A new committee is appointed for each project. During the year the Executive Board has acted on the following proposals:

On April 11 the Executive Board endorsed the project of preparing and publishing a bibliography of Mediaeval and Renaissance Latin translations and commentaries (see RN VII, 114–115). On May 16 the Board voted to accept the invitation of Professor B. L. Ullman, Chairman of the Liaison Committee on Microfilming Manuscript Catalogues in European libraries, set up by a number of learned societies, to participate in its work. Miss Dorothy Schullian was appointed to represent the Society on this committee. At the same meeting the Board voted to endorse two projects sponsored by Professor Felix Gilbert: the publication of an edition of the *Florentine History* of Piero Parenti, and the preparation of an edition of the correspondence of Francesco Vettori (see RN VII, 114).

On June 21 the Board accepted the offer of Mrs. Phyllis W. G. Gordan to defray the expenses of microfilming the biographical and bibliographical dictionary of Italian Humanists compiled by Dean M. E. Cosenza. This microfilm has since been completed and is now for sale by the Society (see RN VII, 115–116). A motion of thanks was extended to Mrs. Gordan, who attended the meeting as a guest. On December 4, the Board voted to offer its cooperation to the Istituto Nazionale di Studi sul Rinascimento of Florence in the publication of the correspondence of Lorenzo de' Medici.

Professor Kristeller reported on the activities of his Committee on International Cooperation. Members: R. H. Bainton, Q. Breen, W. G. Constable, A. H. Gilbert, O. Green, M. McGuire, M. Meiss, Agnes Mongan, J. R. Naiden, G. B. Parks, Dorothy Schullian, and S. H. Thomson. The members have made a number of valuable suggestions about establishing friendly relations and the exchange of

publications with various foreign societies and institutions, invitations to foreign scholars to join the Society, and ways of joining with foreign institutions in an international organization which might eventually establish a connection with UNESCO. The Chairman had submitted these proposals and opinions to the Executive Board, had proposed several exchanges of publications (adopted by the Board), and had answered letters of inquiry addressed to the Society from abroad.

Most of the Chairman's time had been taken up with the problems involved in preparing the ground for an international association of Renaissance societies. This problem had been discussed, not only with other members of the Committee, but with Mr. Herbert Schneider of UNESCO. Mr. W. G. Constable, while in Europe last summer, also talked with Mr. Schneider and other officers of UNESCO and representatives of some European Renaissance societies. On the basis of this exploratory work it was decided to begin with an attempt to form an international committee, to consist of the presidents of the institutions involved.

At the December 17th meeting of the Executive Board, the Chairman asked for and received instruction to invite the following institutions to join with us in the initiative of forming a preliminary international committee on Renaissance Studies: Association d'Humanisme et Renaissance (Mlle. E. Droz, Geneva); Association Internationale des Historiens de la Renaissance (Abbé R. Marcel, Paris); Centro Internazionale di Studi Umanistici (Prof. E. Castelli, Rome); Instituto Caro y Cuervo (Bogotá); Istituto Nazionale di Studi sul Rinascimento (Prof. M. Salmi, Florence); The Warburg Institute (Dr. G. Bing, London). As of the date of the meeting, letters of acceptance had been received from Rome and Geneva, an encouraging reply from London, and an inquiry from Florence. Paris and Bogotá had not yet been heard from. The Chairman felt that the whole matter of affiliations was delicate, and invited suggestions and advice from the Council. He reported that Mr. Constable would attend the meeting of CIPSH (the pipeline into UNESCO) in Paris in October as a representative of the International Commission of the History of Art, and he would watch our interests. It was moved and passed by voice vote to accept his representation. Prof. Trinkaus raised the question of the youth of our organization. Professor Grimm expressed the

opinion that the Germans could be of help in the organization. Professor Kristeller's report was accepted. There was a motion of thanks to the Chairmen of the standing committees, and especially to Professor Buford, for their strenuous efforts in behalf of the Society.

The Treasurer presented a written report, which he explained. The Society had received from various sources, to date, $9,602.51. Of this, $2,107.25 was given by Mrs. Gordan for the making of the Cosenza *Dictionary* microfilm negative and several gift copies. The University of Texas and Dartmouth College each gave $200 toward the publication of *Renaissance News*, and the American Council of Learned Societies gave $100 to cover the deficit and facilitate the transfer of the *News* from Professor Sternfeld to the Society. The Research Institute of the University of Texas gave $900 toward the cost of publishing *Studies in the Renaissance*, Volume I (not included in the grand total, because it is to be paid directly to the University of Texas Press). Of the remainder, $1,685.50 had been received from gifts and dues for next year and must be set aside for expenses in 1955. $580 came from advertising and was used for financing publications. The estimated cost of the volume of *Studies* is $2,214, and of 4 issues of *Renaissance News* and the *Directory*, $2,699.28. The net balance for the year promised to be about $300. The Treasurer's report had been audited by Professor J. H. Fisher, Treasurer of the Modern Language Association, and was accepted.

The Secretary reported the growth of *Renaissance News*. The first two issues of the year were edited by Professor Sternfeld, and the number of pages printed was increased to 36. The last two issues of the year were edited by Professor Bennett, who had enlarged the numbers to 50 pages each. It was proposed to expand the *News* in 1955 to 80 pages, with a view to making it a regular journal by a further expansion in 1956. The distinctive character of the *News* was mentioned. Professor Sternfeld argued for the news value of the *News*. Professor Otis Green saw the development of a backlog, and the inevitable time lag of the regular journal, and suggested keeping *Renaissance News* to its present size. It seemed to be the general sense of the meeting that the *News* should be kept substantially as it is and that volumes of *Studies* continue to be published, more frequently as funds became available. The problem of book publication was discussed. It was suggested that these also be distributed to members so

as to avoid a sales problem. No books for publication were in view at present, but it was expected that a second volume of *Studies* could be published in 1955.

The Proposed Constitution was presented by Professor Reese. It made only minor changes in the Provisional Constitution adopted last year. Some further, but minor, changes were suggested by members of the Council. When these had been agreed upon, Professor Parks moved, Professor Trinkaus seconded, and the motion to adopt the Constitution as amended was unanimously carried by voice vote. It is printed elsewhere in this issue.

At this point an intermission was taken. Professor Reese had provided four musicians and he gave a short talk, illustrated with lantern slides and music, on some complete musical compositions carved in intarsia, or marquetry, in the elaborate interiors of several Renaissance buildings at Sienna, Mantua, Urbino, and elsewhere.

The meeting came to order again and a motion of thanks to Professor Reese, both for his work on the Constitution and for the pleasant and instructive interlude, was passed by acclamation. The next order of business was the drawing of lots to stagger the terms of office of the five Chairmen. Professor Ferguson made the report of the nominating committee. All the officers and Chairmen had consented to serve again, except Dr. Buford. Dr. Beatrice Ryers Reynolds was nominated in his place for Chairman of the Committee on Membership and Regional Conferences. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was elected with the understanding that, while terms for Chairmen of Committees was normally three years, the terms of Professor Shaaber and Dr. Reynolds should be one year (subject to re-election), of Professor Reese and Dr. Bühler, two years. According to the results of the drawing, Professor Kristeller was elected for three years.

According to the Constitution two members of the next nominating committee must be nominated from the floor. Professors Bradner and Parks were so nominated, but because it was undesirable to have both from the same discipline, Professor Parks withdrew and Professor Felix Gilbert was nominated. Professors Bradner and Gilbert were elected.

Time was now pressing and Dr. Bühler urged that the question of life memberships be postponed for another year. The motion was

carried. There was some discussion of the time of the annual meeting. Because of the inclusive character of the Society it seemed impossible to find a time when some learned society with prior claim on the time of some part of the members, was not meeting. Professor Meiss pointed out that the members of the Art Association could not attend on the fourth Saturday in January next year, because the Art Association would be meeting next year in Cleveland [it met in New York this year]. It was agreed nevertheless to meet next year again on the fourth Saturday, since that was most convenient for most of the Council members.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 for cocktails and private discussion. Several had made reservations for dinner and the important business of getting acquainted and exchanging views on the problems and potentialities of the Society was continued after dinner.

Constitution and By-Laws

OF THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I. Name.

The name of this Society shall be THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA. The Society shall be a corporation.

ARTICLE II. Purpose.

Section 1.

The purpose of this Society shall be the advancement of learning in the field of Renaissance studies, and especially the promotion of interchanges among the various fields of specialization, such as art, architecture, bibliography and the book arts, the classical and modern literatures, history, music, medicine, law, philosophy, religion and theology, the sciences, and any other fields of learning which can deepen or broaden understanding of the Renaissance period.

Section 2.

It shall be the purpose of the Society to effect this advancement of learning and these interchanges between the disciplines by sponsoring or initiating suitable projects, both of research and of bibliography; and by publication; and by assisting and encouraging discussion groups, especially local and regional groups; and, where possible, by helping to arrange exchanges of speakers between these groups.

Section 3.

The promotion of interchanges shall not be limited to the United States of America, but shall be extended to include cooperation with individuals and groups abroad, both to increase the effectiveness of American scholarship and to promote understanding through development of common interests. The Society purposes, where convenient, to affiliate with foreign groups and societies.

ARTICLE III. Membership.

Section 1.

The Society shall consist of those who have paid current dues to the Treasurer

of the Society. These shall be considered full members with voting privileges, whether they are regular, sustaining, or patron members, Provision for non-dues-paying members (Honorary, Corresponding, and Student members) may be made in the By-Laws, but they shall not be voting members.

Section 2.

Founders. Those members who signified their intention of joining the Society, and paid their dues, before March 1, 1954, shall be known as FOUNDERS.

Section 3.

Charter Members. Those members who join the Society within the first calendar year, i.e., before January 1, 1955, or who pay dues from the first year, shall be known as CHARTER MEMBERS.

Section 4

No special rights or privileges shall derive from the status or designation of FOUNDER, or that of CHARTER MEMBER.

Section 5.

Each member of the Society entitled to vote shall also be entitled to receive one annual subscription to any regular periodical publication issued by the Society. Occasional and special publications which may be issued from time to time will be distributed as the Executive Board determines.

ARTICLE IV. Organization.

Section 1.

The governing body of the Society shall be an Executive Board assisted by an Advisory Council.

Section 2.

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, such *ex officio* members as the Board elects, and the Chairmen of five standing committees, as follows:

1. Committee on Constitution and By-Laws
2. Committee on Membership and Regional Conferences
3. Finance Committee
4. Committee on New Projects and Activities
5. Committee on International Cooperation

Section 3.

The members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the Advisory Council at the annual meeting preceding the expiration of each term. There shall be a nominating committee of three, elected by the Advisory Council. Two members of the nominating committee shall be nominated from the floor, and one shall be nominated by the Executive Board, except as provided in the By-Laws. Again with this exception, the nominating committee shall be elected one year in advance of its functioning, and its nominations shall be notified to the members of the Advisory Council at least six weeks in advance of the annual meeting.

Section 4.

The President shall be elected for two years and shall not succeed himself. Upon expiration of his term, he shall become a member of the Advisory Council for life, *ex officio*.

Section 5.

The Executive Secretary shall be elected for three years, but may be re-elected.

Section 6.

The Treasurer shall be elected for three years, but may be re-elected.

Section 7.

The Chairmen of the five standing committees shall be elected for three years, except as provided in the By-Laws, but may be re-elected.

Section 8.

The Advisory Council shall meet at least once a year and shall consist of two representatives from each regional group or conference and one from each local group; an equal number of members-at-large chosen to represent as many as possible of the specializations, or disciplines, represented by membership of the Society; and former officers.

Section 9.

The regional or local groups or conferences shall choose their own representatives and fix terms of office.

Section 10.

The members-at-large shall be nominated by the Executive Board and elected for two years by mail vote of the full members of the Society. The Executive Board shall nominate, by disciplines, at least twice as many candidates as are to be elected. Members-at-large may be reelected.

Section 11.

Members of the Advisory Council may be represented at annual meetings by substitutes with voting power.

Section 12.

Members of the Executive Board are *ex officio* members of the Advisory Council, and they shall continue to be members of the Advisory Council for two years after they cease to be members of the Executive Board.

Section 13.

Three Trustees, who shall administer the endowment and permanent funds of the Society, shall be elected by the Executive Board for three years, except as provided in the By-Laws. Trustees may be reelected.

ARTICLE V. Duties of the Officers.

Section 1.

The President of the Society shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Advisory Council and of the Executive Board. The Executive Secretary shall serve as Secretary of both the Council and the Board.

Section 2.

The President of the Society shall call meetings of the Executive Board, of the Advisory Council, and of the Society as a whole, or shall authorize the Secretary to do so.

Section 3.

The Executive Board shall prepare the agenda for meetings of the Advisory Council.

Section 4.

In the absence of the President, the Executive Secretary shall preside at Council and Board meetings.

Section 5.

The Executive Board shall be responsible for the general policies of the Society, and shall report on those policies to the membership of the Society through the Advisory Council, and, where desirable, through the *Renaissance News* or other publication of the Society.

Section 6.

The Executive Board shall conduct the affairs of the Society between meetings of the Advisory Council and shall report its activities to the Advisory Council at the annual meeting of the Advisory Council.

Section 7.

The Executive Board shall have authority to undertake projects in the name of the Society and to act for the Society in establishing relationships with other societies or institutions when such relationships fall within the avowed purposes of the Society.

Section 8.

The Executive Board shall control disbursements and shall order an annual audit of the Treasurer's accounts.

Section 9.

The Executive Board shall not have power to incur a debt in excess of the current resources of the Society, nor shall it have the power to commit any future resources of the Society, except in so far as contracts for the publication of a newsletter or journal shall constitute such a forward commitment.

Section 10.

The Executive Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Council, or arrange for keeping them, and all decisions of the Executive Board shall be recorded and the record distributed to all members of the Executive Board within two weeks after the meeting.

Section 11.

The Executive Secretary shall keep, in duplicate, a record of all actions taken by the Executive Board, and of all recommendations and proposals received from the Advisory Council, and these records shall be available for consultation by any member of the Society at the headquarters of the Society. One set shall not be taken out of the headquarters office. Both sets must be turned over, intact, by the retiring Secretary to his successor, and must be preserved by each and every succeeding Secretary.

Section 12.

The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society, collect the annual dues, and perform the usual duties of a Treasurer, subject to the direction of the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, and shall turn over all such accounts to his successor.

Section 13.

All money received by the Treasurer for the Society shall be deposited in the name of the Society in a convenient bank, and all checks written by the Treasurer on the account of the Society must be countersigned by either the President or the Executive Secretary.

Section 14.

Duties of the Chairmen of the five standing committees.

1. *Committee on Constitution and By-Laws:* The Chairman of this committee shall choose not less than two nor more than four others to work with him in the formulation of a permanent Constitution and By-Laws for the Society. After the adoption of such a Constitution this committee shall be responsible for the formulation of amendments and By-Laws.

2. *Committee on Membership and Regional Conferences:* The Chairman of this committee shall choose one member of his committee from each regional group represented on the Advisory Council. He may add other members up to a total of not more than double the number of groups represented. The function of this committee is to increase the membership of the Society and to promote the interests of the groups, exchanges of speakers, materials for programs, and so forth, among them.

3. *Finance Committee:* The Chairman of this committee shall represent the Society in all dealings with individuals and foundations, for the purpose of securing funds for the projects and activities of the Society, including capital funds. He may add others to his committee to a limit of twelve.

4. *Committee on new Projects and Activities:* The Chairman of this committee shall investigate and evaluate all projects and activities proposed to the Society for adoption, and shall present the findings of his committee to the Executive Board for final action. He shall be empowered to appoint to his committee such members of the Society, and especially of the Advisory Council, as he considers best able and willing to advise him. His committee shall consist of not less than five nor more than twelve members. This committee shall be discharged at the time of the final disposal of the project for which it was chosen (whether adopted or rejected by the Executive Board). The Chairman shall be empowered to form a new committee for each undertaking.

The reports of this committee shall be confidential, if the Chairman so advises, and the report in the minutes of the Executive Board shall be subject to his censorship.

Reports of this committee, tabled by the Executive Board, may be taken up again on the motion of any member of the Executive Board.

5. *Committee on International Cooperation:* The Chairman of this committee shall be empowered to select others to serve with him, provided he does not appoint more than twelve.

He shall be empowered to propose corresponding members abroad who are not members of the Society; and to recommend honorary members among distinguished foreigners. He shall work with the membership chairman to secure members abroad. He shall negotiate affiliations with foreign groups and societies; and shall investigate the possibility of an international society, under UNESCO or otherwise, of which our Society would be a member.

He is not empowered to commit the Society without consulting the Executive Board. Decisions affecting major policies of the Society shall be submitted to the Advisory Council.

6. The slates of the Committees' Chairmen shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 15.

The Chairmen of Committees, as officers of the Executive Board, shall attend meetings of the Board and coordinate their activities through the Board and in cooperation with the other Officers of the Board.

Section 16.

Each Chairman shall submit an annual report to the Executive Board for incorporation in the minutes.

ARTICLE VI. Publications.

Section 1.

The Executive Board, as a Committee of the Whole, shall constitute a Committee on Publications with final responsibility for all publications issued in the name of the Society.

Section 2.

No part of the Society (section, conference, group, or individual) shall be entitled to issue publications in the name of the THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA without formal permission of the Executive Board.

Section 3.

The Executive Board shall set aside such part of each member's annual dues as the Board agrees is sufficient for the publication of a news organ. This budgeted fund shall be used for such a publication, and the editorial staff of the news organ shall be instructed to keep their costs within the limit of that budget. They may, however, secure additional funds through the sale of advertising space, or through gifts or subsidies granted specifically for that purpose.

Section 4.

The Executive Board may undertake any publication which it considers suitable and for which it has the funds available. It may undertake long-range projects, involving future commitments, only after consulting the Advisory Council at an annual meeting.

Section 5.

The Executive Board may sponsor projects recommended by the Committee on Projects, in conjunction with other learned societies; and may accept funds for special purposes, provided those purposes are approved by the Committee on Projects and the Executive Board.

Section 6.

The Editor of *Renaissance News*, or any other periodical regularly published by the Society, shall be *ex officio* a member of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII. Regional Conferences and Local Groups.

Section 1.

The six existing regional groups or conferences shall be entitled to representation on the Advisory Council of this Society so long as they remain active, that is, so long as they hold meetings at least once in every two-year period (except where suspension of activities is due to war or other national emergency) and send duly elected or appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the Advisory Council.

Section 2.

New regional groups or conferences may secure representation on the Advisory Council by applying to the President of

the Society for such representation. The Advisory Council will vote at its next meeting on the application. The new group may send one or two observers who are members of the Society, to represent it before the Advisory Council.

Section 3.

No one who is not a member of the Society may be a member of the Advisory Council.

ARTICLE VIII. Amendments.

Section 1.

Adoption of a new constitution, or of amendments to the existing constitution, proposed by the appropriate committee, must be notified to the members of the Advisory Council at least six weeks in advance of the annual meeting and shall require for adoption a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

Section 2.

By-Laws proposed by the appropriate committee must be notified to the members of the Advisory Council at least six weeks in advance of the annual meeting, but shall require for adoption only a simple majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

Section 3.

Voting by proxy shall be permitted.

Section 4.

In any procedure left in doubt by the Constitution, Robert's *Rules of Order* shall govern the Society.

BY-LAWS

To ARTICLE II. Purpose.

Section 1.

It shall be a purpose of the Society to apply, as soon as is feasible, for membership in the American Council of Learned Societies.

To ARTICLE III. Membership.

Section 1.

Annual dues of regular members shall be $4.00; of sustaining members, $10.00; of patron members, $25.00. Membership shall be regarded as beginning with the January 1 preceding admission [after the first year]. Annual dues shall be payable each January, and any member in default thereof after July 1 shall be considered delinquent in dues. A delinquent member shall not be entitled to copies of periodicals or to notices of meetings of the Society until he is restored to active status by payment of dues for the year of his delinquency. A member still in default of dues at the end of the calendar year shall be dropped from the membership. Reinstatement may be effected by payment of current dues plus dues of any unpaid-for publications received.

Section 5.

A new member shall receive periodical publications by the calendar year.

To ARTICLE IV. Organization.

Section 2.

A quorum shall consist of five voting members of the Board, at least one to be the President or Secretary.

Section 3.

In the first year, the nominating committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board at least four months before the annual meeting.

Section 4.

Vacancy in the presidency shall be filled by election by the Executive Board until the next Council meeting.

Sections 5–7.

Vacancies shall be filled by the President with the consent of the Executive Board until the next Council meeting.

Section 7.

Of the six members of the Executive Board consisting of the Treasurer and the Chairmen of the standing committees, two shall be elected each year. At the first election, however, the five chairmen shall draw lots, two each for terms of one and two years, and one for three years.

Section 8.

A. By the term 'local group' is meant any inter-university Seminar, Institute, or Colloquium, or any group formed about museums, libraries, or similar cultural institutions, and meeting regularly at intervals of once a month or oftener.

B. The specializations or disciplines represented by the members-at-large, to which consideration shall be given, are the Visual Arts, Church History and Theology, Paleography and Bibliography, History of Classical Scholarship, Latin and Byzantine Literature, History (Political, Social, Economic, Cultural, and Legal), Italian, English, French, Hispanic, Germanic, and Eastern European Literatures, Music, Philosophy, the Sciences, and such other disciplines as the Executive Board may from time to time decide.

Section 10.

The ballots sent to the members shall bear a statement recommending that each recipient vote with a view to obtaining a wide representation of disciplines. The Executive Board shall complete its work of nominating members-at-large and shall certify to the Secretary by December 1 those elected, whereupon the Secretary shall notify the members-at-large of their election promptly, with the aim of having them receive their notices before the Christmas recess.

Section 11.

Substitutes for members of the Advisory Council under Section 9 shall be named by the sponsoring body. Members of the Council under Section 10 may appoint their own substitutes.

Section 13.

A Trustee shall be elected each year. At the first election, however, the three Trustees shall draw lots, one each for terms of one, two, and three years.

To ARTICLE V. Duties of the Officers.

Section 2.

Notices of annual meetings of the Advisory Council shall be mailed six weeks in advance of each meeting.

To ARTICLE VI. Publications.

Section 6.

The editors of all publications shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

Directory of Charter Members

A Supplement to the Directory of Founder Members of the RENAISSANCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The record of Founder Members was closed March 1, 1954, and a Directory, containing 784 names, was published and distributed to all members. It is available, as long as the supply lasts, to all those who pay dues for 1954, regardless of when they actually join the Society. The following is a directory of individuals [library and institutional members have been recorded only when they are Patron or Sustaining Members] who have joined the Society between March 1, 1954, and February 1, 1955; except that the list of Patron and Sustaining Members is here published complete to February 1, 1955. Where known, fields of specialization are indicated within square brackets.

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